

Supplemental Preliminary Amendment  
Application No. 10/581,726  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4 as follows:**

Further, there is proposed a method of performing automatic settlement by, when a purchaser packs articles provided with RFID tags purchased in a retail store such as a department store and passes through a passage gate of the retail store with the bag, for example, making communication between a tag reader provided on the passage gate and the RFID tags affixed to the purchased articles, automatically inferring the prices of the respective articles on the basis of the RFIDs transmitted from the RFID tags, calculating the total sum thereof and ~~making communication with a portable telephone or an IC card using a credit card or the like having a settlement function~~ possessed by the purchaser (for example, refer to Patent Literature 2).

Patent Literature 1: Japanese Patent Laying-Open No. 2000-169229 2002-104617.

Patent Literature 2: Japanese Patent Laying-Open No. 2000-106555 5-158957.